

MESA ARIZONA – OVER 101 THINGS TO DO

In and around Mesa you'll find over 101 things to do, from outdoor adventures to sports, from world-class museums to fine entertainment.



Amazing Jake's Food & Fun
1830 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-926-7499

All -you-can-eat buffet, 12 bowling lanes, indoor go-karts, bumper karts, laser tag, a 25-foot rock wall, exciting kiddie rides and the latest video games. www.amazingjakes.com



Arizona Historical Society Museum
1300 N. College Ave., Tempe
480-929-0292

A regional museum in Papago Park featuring changing and permanent interactive exhibits on contemporary central Arizona history. Multimedia gallery, educational tours and research library. www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org



Apache Trail and Superstition Mountains Highway 88

The Apache Trail is one of the most popular day trips from the Phoenix-Mesa metro area. Follow the footsteps that Indians and

prospectors took over 100 years ago.

www.americansouthwest.net/arizona/apache_trail/



Apache Trail Tours
Goldfield Ghost Town
Apache Junction
480-982-7661

Custom wild west adventures for families or groups including Jeep tours, hiking treks, gold panning excursions, steak-outs, overnight camping and more! www.apachetrailtours.com



Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum
1502 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-255-3795 or 800-446-4259

The museum commemorates the mining industry that helped build Arizona. Over 3,000 minerals on exhibit, including colorful minerals from Arizona's copper mines. www.admmr.state.az.us



Arizona Capitol Museum
1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-542-4675

This National Register site served as both the capitol of the Arizona Territory and the state capitol and has been restored to its 1912

appearance. It offers museum and capitol tours, exhibits, education programs, commemoration of special state events and a museum store. www.lib.az.us/museum/



Arizona Museum of Natural History
53 N. Macdonald, Mesa
480-644-2230

Museum of cultural and natural history, permanent and changing exhibitions on Arizona and the Southwest, from dinosaurs to conquistadors, from the old west to the space age. Hands-on exhibits for all ages. www.azmnh.com



Arizona Falls
Herberger Park
56th St. and Indian School Rd.,
Phoenix

Formed by a natural 20-foot drop along the Arizona Canal, Arizona Falls combines art, history and technology to generate clean electricity from the canal's waterfall. Showcases the Phoenix Art Commission's "WaterWorks at Arizona Falls" project, designed by renowned Boston artists Lajos Heder and Mags Harries. www.srpnet.com/water/canals/azfalls.aspx



Arizona Museum for Youth
35 N. Robson, Mesa
480-644-2468 English
480-644-2467 Spanish
Nationally renowned fine arts

museum for children. The museum's exhibits and activities are age appropriate and recommended for children between birth and 12 years of age. www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com



Arizona Railway / Train Museum
 330 E. Ryan Rd., Chandler
 480-821-1108
 Dedicated to the railways of Arizona and the Southwest. Railways of all kinds are included in the scope of the museum. www.azrymuseum.org



Bead Museum
 5754 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale
 623-931-2737
 Unique museum founded houses more than 100,000 beads and beaded artifacts. Permanent and changing exhibitions, education and outreach lectures, tours and classes. www.beadmuseumaz.org



Arizona Science Center
 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix
 602-716-2000

Hands-on, eye-opening fun with a state-of-the-art planetarium, 300+ interactive exhibits, five-story giant-screen theater, live demonstrations and traveling exhibitions. www.azscience.org



Arizona State Parks
 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix
 602-542-4174

From pine-scented forests to awe-inspiring desert vistas, there is something for everyone at Arizona's state parks. Our 27 parks include conservation, recreation and historic sites throughout the state. www.azstateparks.com



ASU's Gammage Auditorium
 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe
 480-965-3434

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Gammage seats 3,000 and presents a year-round season of nationally touring Broadway musicals, plus much more. www.asugammage.com/



Barleen's Arizona Opry Dinner Show

2275 Old West Highway, Apache Junction
 480-982-7991

Relax in a comfortable, air-conditioned theater and enjoy a hearty, home-cooked meal. After dinner, enjoy an unforgettable evening of family entertainment! Seasonal. www.azopry.com



Bass Pro Shops
 1133 N. Dobson Rd., Mesa
 The world's leading supplier of premium outdoor gear, this is the only Bass Pro Shop in Arizona. Located at Mesa

Riverview, Highway 202 and Dobson Road.
www.bassproshops.com



Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park
 150 N. Pine St., Globe
 928-425-0320

Walk through a 700-year-old Salado Culture pueblo, climb ladders to second story rooms and view the typical furnishings of the era. Numerous artifacts of this remarkably advanced culture also displayed in the museum. www.historicgilacounty.com/besh_ba_gowah.shtml



Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving
 20000 S. Maricopa Rd., Chandler
 480-961-0143 or 800-842-7223

Located adjacent to Firebird International Raceway, the Bondurant School is a multi-million dollar racing enterprise. This is the world's finest driving school featuring a 15-turn, 1.6-mile road course, specifically designed by Bob Bondurant for high performance, race driving and advanced driving instruction. www.bondurant.com



Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park
 37615 U.S. Hwy. 60, Superior
 520-689-2811

The oldest and most spectacularly situated arboretum and botanical garden in the American Southwest, this 320-acre collection of desert plants was founded in the 1920s by mining magnate Colonel William Boyce Thompson. <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
 5247 E. Brown Rd., Mesa
 480-325-6700

The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents a wide variety of the finest professional entertainment for all ages in an atmosphere of casual elegance. The 500 seat complex has entertained over 700,000 guests since opening its doors in 2001. The Broadway Palm is the Valley's Ticket to Great Entertainment! www.broadwaypalmwest.com



Casa Grande Ruins National Monument
1100 W. Ruins Dr., Coolidge
520-723-3172

The tallest and most massive Hohokam structure known. The ruin was designated as a national monument in 1892 and is the nation's first archeological preserve. www.nps.gov/cagr



Casino Arizona at Salt River
Highway 101 and McKellips Rd., Scottsdale
Highway 101 and Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
480-850-7777

Over 100,000 square feet dedicated to the greatest variety of gaming in Arizona. Never a dull moment with top-rate entertainment that ranges from country to rock, from magic to theater, from old to new. www.casinoaz.com



Castles N' Coasters
9445 Metro Pkwy. East,
Phoenix
602-997-7575

You'll find fun, food and excitement, from the thrilling sky high roller coasters and exciting water rides, to the exotic countries of the world-class miniature golf course and the enchantment of an old-fashioned carousel, there's something for everyone. www.castlesncoasters.com



Challenger Space Center
21170 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria
623-322-2001

Exciting space-themed learning environment where visitors can fly simulated space flight missions involving flight crews, mission controllers and scientists. www.azchallenger.org

Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler
480-782-2680

The elegant complex features three stages, with total seating capacity of 1,550. www.chandlercenter.org



Chicago Cubs
HoHoKam Park
1235 N. Center St., Mesa
480-964-4467

HoHoKam Park has a seating capacity of 12,632, the largest in the Cactus League. State-of-the-art stadium and practice facility at Fitch Park. Seasonal. www.mesahohokams.com



Chinese Cultural Center
668 N. 44th St., Phoenix
602-273-7268

A uniquely upscale cultural, culinary and shopping attraction conveniently located adjacent to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Elegantly integrated facility features exquisite fine Asian dining and shopping. www.phxchinatown.com



Commemorative Air Force Museum
2017 N. Greenfield Rd., Mesa
480-924-1940

The Arizona Wing is entrusted with the restoration, care and display of "Sentimental Journey", considered to be the most authentically restored flying B-17 in the world today. www.arizonawingcaf.com



Cosanti Foundation
6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale
480-948-6145 or 800-752-3187

Arizona historic site featuring studios, foundries and galleries for the famous Soleri Windbells. Unique construction and architecture. www.cosanti.com



Dana Park Village Square
1700 S. Val Vista Dr., Mesa
480-890-0555

Upscale, boutique-style shopping with sparkling fountains and merchants offering jewelry, home accessories, fashion clothing, gourmet foods and unique dining. www.danapark.com



Deer Valley Rock Art Center
3711 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix
623-582-8007

The Hedgpeth Hills petroglyph site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. More than 1,500 ancient petroglyphs on nearly 600 boulders in a 47-acre nature preserve. www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac/



Desert Belle Paddleboat Cruises
14011 N. Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-2425

Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute cruise aboard the Desert Belle Paddleboat on Saguaro Lake. See towering canyon walls, exotic wildlife and dramatic desert vistas. www.desertbelle.com



Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
480-941-1225

Nestled amid the red buttes of Papago Park, the Desert Botanical Garden hosts one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. One of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums, this unique garden showcases 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. www.dbg.org



Desert Dog Hummer Adventures
Fountain Hills
480-837-3966

See breathtaking views of Arizona on full- or half-day tours. Experience the thrill of four-wheeling. Tours of Four Peaks and the coves of Saguaro Lake available. www.azadventures.com



Desert Storm Hummer Tours
15525 N. 83rd Way, Suite 8, Scottsdale
480-922-0020 or 866-374-8637

Experience the excitement, fun and adventure that made National Geographic vote Desert Storm Hummer Tours one of the "Top 100 Adventures In America." Enjoy Night Storm. Unique, exciting four-hour tour after sunset, using the most advanced night vision equipment, ITT GEN 3. www.dshummer.com



Desert Voyagers Guided Raft Tours
Scottsdale
480-998-7238

Escape the city and experience the beauty of Arizona's desert rivers. Your choice of high and dry or wet and wonderful. Morning and afternoon tours available. www.desertvoyagers.com



Dolly Steamboat
Canyon Lake
480-827-9144
Cruise the secluded inner waterways of the Junior Grand Canyon on Canyon Lake. Relax and admire breathtaking flora and fauna of the lower Sonoran desert and listen to the captain recount the legends and lore of the Superstition Mountains. www.dollysteamboat.com



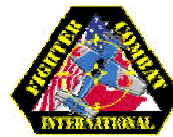
F1 Race Factory
317 S. 48th St., Phoenix
602-302-7223

Offers everything from high-speed kart racing to rock climbing, billiards and a wide selection of video games. www.f1racefactory.com



Fiesta Mall
1445 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-833-4121
At U.S. 60 and Alma School Road, Fiesta Mall features Macy's, Dillard's, Sears and more than 130 of your

favorite stores. www.shopfiesta.com



Fighter Combat International
Williams Gateway Airport
5865 S. Sossaman Rd., Mesa
480-279-1881 or 866-FLY-HARD

The dream of being a fighter pilot becomes a reality for thousands. An unforgettable experience because you actually fly the plane. www.fightercombat.com



Firebird International Raceway
20000 S. Maricopa Rd., Chandler
602-268-0200

Group outings, hospitality and family gatherings with season-long NHRA Winston drag racing, IHBA drag-boat racing, car-club events and more. www.firebirdraceway.com



Fort McDowell Adventures
14803 N. Hiawatha Hood Rd.
Fountain Hills
480-816-6465

Unforgettable trail ride through the ever-flowing Verde River, city slicker cattle drive, scenic jeep tour and the finest western party venues Arizona has to offer. www.fortmcdowelladventures.com



Fort McDowell Casino
Fort McDowell Rd. and State Route 87
Fort McDowell
480-837-1424 or 800-THE-FORT

Experience that winning feeling every day with 475 slot machines, live keno, bingo, cards, off-track betting and great food all at Arizona's first and finest casino. www.fortmcdowellcasino.com



GameWorks
5000 Arizona Mills Cir., Tempe
480-839-4263

GameWorks at Arizona Mills is the ultimate destination for a total entertainment experience where guests can eat, drink, party and play. www.gameworks.com



Gila River Casino – Lone Butte
Chandler Blvd and 56th St.
Chandler

520-796-7777 or 800-946-4452
450 of the newest slots, with both classic reels and video slots, as well as video keno and video poker to whet all appetites. www.wingilariver.com



Gila River Casino – Vee Quiva
6443 N. Komatke Dr., Laveen
520-796-7777 or 800-946-4452
Try your hand at one of 500 new

slot machines or the 500-seat bingo arena. Pull up a chair in the friendly poker or blackjack rooms or enjoy a mouth-watering meal. www.wingilariver.com



Gila River Casino – Wild Horse
5550 W. Wild Horse Pass & I-10,
Chandler
520-796-7777 or 800-WIN-GILA

Home to 750 hot slots, live poker, blackjack and keno, a 1500-seat high-stakes bingo hall, restaurant with buffet, delis and a gift shop. www.wingilariver.com



Globe-Miami and the Tonto National
Monument
928-467-2241

East of Mesa and Apache Junction are the twin mining towns of Globe and

Miami. Traveling north on Highway 88, the next stop is the cliff dwellings at Tonto National Monument and the historic Roosevelt Dam and Lake. www.nps.gov/tont/

GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN

Goldfield Ghost Town and Mine Tour
4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd., Goldfield
480-983-0333

Get a taste of Arizona's colorful mining history. Walk down Main Street, explore shops and buildings, tour the mine, visit the Superstition Mountain/Lost Dutchman Museum, pan for gold, take a narrow-gauge train ride, witness an old west gun fight. www.goldfieldghosttown.com



Golfland/SunSplash
155 W. Hampton Ave., Mesa

480-834-8319

Fastcar Raceway, video arcade, three 18-hole miniature golf courses, wave pool, Lazy River, Master Blaster Water Coaster. Two action-packed family entertainment centers in one. Sunsplash is seasonal. <http://mesa.golfland.com/>



Great American Balloon Company
3130 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix
877-933-6359

Ballooning is a true adventure with the wind determining your course. www.wedofly.com



Hale Centre Theatre
50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert
480-497-1181

An intimate, friendly theatrical experience.

Fun and affordable family entertainment.

www.haletheatrearizona.com



Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting
6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602-275-3473

More than 90 restored pieces of fire apparatus on display, dating from 1725 to 1969.

www.hallofflame.org



Harrah's Phoenix Ak-Chin Casino
15406 Maricopa Rd., Maricopa

480-802-5000 or 800-HARRAHS

The Las Vegas-style excitement you crave with Arizona's hottest casino action. A thrilling mix of games including slot machines, Keno, Bingo, Poker and now, Live Dealer Blackjack! www.harrah.com



Heard Museum
2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602-252-8848

Ten exhibit galleries and beautiful outdoor courtyards feature outstanding traditional and contemporary Native American art. www.heard.org



Herberger Theater Center
222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix
602-254-7399

Two-stage complex features year-round music, drama and dance performances by four resident professional performing companies. www.herbergertheater.org



Hoo-Hoogam Ki Museum
10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
480-850-8190

Features the cultural heritage of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community from the ancient Hohokam to the present, with exhibits on Pima basketry, Maricopa pottery, traditional dress and veterans.

www.azcama.com/museums/hoohoogam.html



Hot Air Expeditions
Deer Valley Airport
800-831-7610

A hot air balloon ride is an exhilarating experience for everyone.

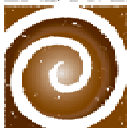
www.hotairexpeditions.com



Gateway 12 IMAX Theatre
1935 S. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa
480-354-8030

Treat your senses to the most powerful and involving movie experience yet created. A larger-than-life escape, putting you in the heart of the action! www.dtmovies.com

2ND AVE.



Iron Factory/Second Avenue Design
737 W. 2nd Ave., Mesa
800-843-1602

Since 1979, Second Avenue Design has offered couture services in iron lighting and home accessories. Visit the factory departments to see how your product will be made. Facility tours available, but you must call ahead.

www.2ndave.com



Laser Quest
2035 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa
480-752-0005

Tag, hide and seek, cops and robbers, capture the flag and Buck Rogers all rolled into one, enhanced with modern technology. Whether it's a social event or serious fun there's nothing that brings people together for a great time quite like Laser Quest. www.laserquest.com



Lost Dutchman State Park
6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-982-4485

Named after the fabled lost gold mine, this park is located in the Sonoran Desert at 2000 feet elevation.

A variety of hiking trails, nature trails, campsites, picnic facilities and special programs throughout the year.

www.azparks.gov/parks/parkhtml/dutchman.html



McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
480-312-2312

Train rides throughout the park, historic exhibits, superb picnic and playground facilities. An entertainment and educational delight for all ages. www.therailroadpark.com



Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors' Center
525 E. Main St., Mesa
480-964-7164

A noted landmark with beautifully manicured gardens throughout the

grounds. Annual Christmas lights display and the world's largest annual Easter Pageant.



Mesa Arts Center
1 E. Main St., Mesa
480-644-6500

A 212,755-square-foot performing arts, visual arts and arts education facility, the largest and most comprehensive arts center in Arizona.

Located in the heart of downtown at Center and Main streets, MAC features four theaters, five galleries, and 14 creative art studios. www.mesaartscenter.com

Mesa Historical Museum
2345 N. Horne St., Mesa
480-835-7358



Historic schoolhouse built in 1913 houses a collection of farm machinery and domestic farmstead items. Memorabilia of early Mesa, Stringtown and Lehi settlers. Murals depict the story of the Southwest and Mesa area development. www.mesaaz.org

Mesa Market Place Swap Meet

Mesa Market Place
10550 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-380-5572
Open Fri., Sat., Sun. only. 1600 booths under one roof. Mister
system throughout for summer heat! www.mesamarket.com

MESA RIVERVIEW

Mesa Riverview
Highway 202 and Dobson Rd., Mesa
480-834-8500
Mesa Riverview is home to Bass Pro Shops, Cinemark Theatre
and an exciting selection of power center anchors, specialty
shops, theme-style restaurants and food retailers.
www.mesariverview.com



Mystery Castle
800 E. Mineral Rd., Phoenix
602-268-1581

"Imagination is more important than knowledge," an Einstein
quote proved by Boyce Gulley, the builder of Mystery Castle.
The 18-room, 8,000-square-foot castle was built by Boyce
Luther Gulley between 1930 and 1945 to satisfy the fairy-
tale fantasies of his young daughter, Mary Lou. Seasonal tours.



OK Corral
2655 E. Whitely St., Apache Junction
480-982-4040
One-, two- or four-hour horseback trail rides
and one- to three-day horseback trail riding camping trips.

www.okcorrals.com



Organ Stop Pizza
1149 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-813-5700

The unique Organ Stop is one of the
largest restaurants in the Southwest.
Xylophones, chimes, pianos, drums, cymbals and hundreds of
other musical instruments and sound effects surround you in the
dining room, controlled by one person at the console of the mighty
Wurlitzer organ. www.organstoppizza.com



Orpheum Theatre
203 W. Adams St., Phoenix
602-262-7272
Beautifully renovated 1,400-seat
venue showcases local and touring

companies presenting theater, dance and music.
<http://phoenix.gov/STAGES/orpheum.html>



Outback Safari Company
Mesa
480-987-8335

Experience the timeless beauty of the
Arizona desert on an ATV, Ranger or Hummer. See a variety
of scenery ranging from the classic saguaro cactus to sandy
river bottoms and cool running creeks, not to mention Arizona's
diverse wildlife. www.theoutbacksafari.com



Park of the Canals
1710 N. Horne, Mesa
480-644-2352 or 480-827-4700
The 31-acre park includes evidence of
ancient Hohokam Indian canals dating back to 700 B.C. and
extensive desert botanical garden.
www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/parks/park_canals.aspx



Penske Racing Museum
7125 E. Chauncey Ln., Phoenix
480-538-4444

Celebrates nearly 40 years of the
winning tradition of Penske racing, showcasing a private
collection of vintage race cars, racing trophies and various
racing memorabilia. www.penskeracingmuseum.com



Petersen House Museum
1414 W. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5151
The Petersen House received the 1990
Governor's Award of Historic Preservation
after extensive restoration. www.tempe.gov/petersenhouse/



Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602-257-1222
Includes 16,000 artworks that span

the centuries. Emphasis is on American, Asian, European, Latin
American, modern and contemporary and Western American art,
plus fashion design and the Thorne Miniature Rooms of historic
interiors. The museum also features an interactive "child-friendly,
please touch!" gallery called ArtWorks. www.phxart.org



Phoenix Greyhound Park
3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-273-7181

Pari-mutuel wagering on live greyhound racing seven nights a
week and daily simulcast wagering from racetracks across the
nation. www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com



Phoenix International Raceway
7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale
602-252-2227

Phoenix International Raceway, with its world-renowned mile oval, is the annual site for races featuring the biggest names on the NASCAR and Indy Racing League circuits. www.phoenixintlraceway.com



Phoenix Museum of History
Heritage and Science Park
105 N. Fifth St., Phoenix
602-253-2734

The museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving and exhibiting the early history of Phoenix. Interactive exhibits showcase Phoenix's metamorphosis from dusty desert town to modern metropolis. www.phoenixmuseumofhistory.org



Phoenix Park'n Swap
3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-273-1250 or 800-772-0852

Arizona arts and crafts, jewelry and Southwestern souvenirs. Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. www.americanparknswap.com



Phoenix Police Museum
101 S. Central Ave., Suite 100, Phoenix
602-534-7278
Police artifacts dating from the late 1800s. Exhibits show the

department's history, from its early police marshals to present day police officers. www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com



Phoenix Symphony
455 N. 3rd St., Suite 390, Phoenix
602-495-1999 or 800-776-9080
Featuring classical and pops concerts.

www.phoenixsymphony.org



Phoenix Symphony Hall
225 E. Adams St., Phoenix
602-534-5600

Home of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Opera and Ballet Arizona, hosting entertainment ranging from opera and ballet to Broadway shows and concerts. <http://phoenix.gov/STAGES/symphall.html>



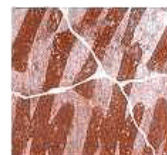
The Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602-273-1341

The nation's leading nonprofit zoo, home to more than 1,200 animals. Exciting array of animal exhibits, unique special events, educational programs and outdoor recreational activities for people of all ages. www.phoenixzoo.org



Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum
3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix
623-465-1052

Located 30 minutes north of Phoenix, the museum sits on more than 90 acres of an old 1800s village, with original buildings and accurate reproductions. The village houses 30 historic buildings from the 1880s to the turn of the century. www.pioneer-arizona.com



Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park
4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-495-0900 or 877-706-4408

Dedicated to the study and interpretation of the Hohokam culture. Explore the ruin of an 800-year-old platform mound, an excavated ball court and full-scale reproductions of prehistoric Hohokam homes. www.pueblogrande.com



Queen Creek Olive Mill
25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek
480-888-9290
Arizona's first working olive farm and mill. Hand-picked olives are blended to make one of the world's finest extra virgin olive oils. Tours available. www.queencreekolivemill.com



Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass
5700 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler
480-502-5600 or 800-527-1880

Travel back in time to the untamed Wild West, to an authentic 1880s town. Gunfights, stunt shows, stagecoach rides, desert train rides, petting ranch, camel ride, bull riding, gold panning, a working blacksmith, western shops, games, horseback riding, more. www.rawhide.com



Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
7550 E. Adobe Rd., Mesa
480-644-4800

Serving the needs of all ages, from pre-schoolers to senior adults, center includes indoor walking/running track, climbing wall, exercise equipment, aerobics, billiard room, gymnasium and more. www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/RMMC



Rio Lago Cruise
80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe
480-517-4050
Boat tours, charters and rentals on Tempe Town Lake.
www.riolagocruise.com



Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area
Central Ave. and the Salt River, Phoenix
602-262-6863

The restoration area encompasses a five mile stretch of the Salt River just south of downtown Phoenix. Five miles of trails bring you through various habitats - explore the demonstration wetland pond inhabited by wintering waterfowl, observe a jackrabbit in the mesquite bosque, walk under a canopy of cottonwood and willow trees, or enjoy the view of a waterfall from one of the lookouts.
<http://phoenix.gov/RIOSALADO/>



Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
2757 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
480-503-6744

110-acre preserve provides a great opportunity for bird watching. www.riparianinstitute.org



River of Time Museum
12901 N. La Montana Blvd., Fountain Hills
480-837-2612

The museum dramatizes the critical importance of the rivers and water to life in the desert. Historical and cultural programs and activities for adults and children.
www.riveroftimemuseum.org



Rose Garden at Mesa Community College
1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-461-7000

Largest rose garden in the arid Southwest desert includes 4,600 bushes and more than 450 varieties. They bloom most of the year, with peak flowering in April.

www.mc.maricopa.edu/community/rosegarden/



Rockin' R Ranch
6136 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-832-1539

Gunfights and gold panning, western shops and hot dutch oven biscuits. All-you-can-eat BBQ beef or chicken dinner followed by a spectacular western stage show featuring the world-famous Rockin' R Wranglers. www.rockinr.net



Saguaro Lake Ranch Trail Rides
13020 Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-0335

Guided trail rides give you spectacular views of the surrounding country and information on desert plants and cactus. Morning ride through the desert or sunset ride in the late afternoon. www.SaguaroLakeTrailRides.com



Saint Anthony's Monastery
4784 N. St. Joseph's Way, Florence
520-868-3188

In July 1995, five fathers arrived in Arizona from the Holy Monastery of Philotheou, Mount Athos, Greece. In five and a half years, the brotherhood increased to its present number of 34 fathers and 15 buildings, including two churches and three chapels.
www.stanthonysmonastery.org



Salt River Tubing & Recreation
1320 N. Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-3305

Beat the heat on a hot Arizona summer day and float on the cool and refreshing mountain-stream waters of the Salt River. Seasonal. www.saltrivertubing.com



Schnepf Farms
24810 S. Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek
480-987-3100

Open for festivals, company parties, educational field trips, private bus tours, and the peach season.

www.schnepfarms.com



Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale
480-994-2787

The center presents a season of music, dance and theater; concerts under the stars in the amphitheater; free Sunday A'Fairs, October through April, and the annual Scottsdale Arts Festival in March.

www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org



Shamrock Farms Tour
40034 W. Clayton Rd., Stanfield
602-477-2462

Located about 60 miles from downtown Mesa, this farm tour is a real hands-on educational experience for kids of all ages.

The farm features more than 10,000 cows, as well as interactive displays, games, and a tram ride.

Advanced reservations required. www.shamrockfarmstour.com



Shemer Art Center and Museum
5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
602-262-4727

1920s Santa Fe mission-style building features exhibits by Arizona artists, classes for the whole family.

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/shemer.html>



Stratum Laser Tag
1455 S. Stapley Dr., Mesa
480-545-5500

Facility includes a 13,000-square-foot laser tag arena with 15 different levels, arcade and redemption area, featuring all non-violent arcade games as well as a seated dining area. www.stratumhq.com



Superstition Farm Tours
3440 S. Hawes Rd., Mesa
480-986-7781

Dairy tours, hayrides, petting zoo, and milk bar. www.superstitionfarmtours.com



Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum
4087 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-983-4888

The museum collects, preserves and displays the artifacts, history and folklore of the Superstition Mountains, Apache Junction and surrounding region.

www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org



Superstition Springs Center
6555 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-832-0212

At U.S. 60 and Power Road in east

Mesa, mall includes Dillard's, JCPenney, Sears, Mervyn's, Macy's, 150 specialty shops, cinemas, eateries, carousel, desert botanical garden and Plaza Amphitheater.

www.superstitionsprings.com



Symphony of the Southwest
480-827-2143

The Symphony of the Southwest is a joyous, spirited, moveable, musical, entertainment feast. www.mesasymphony.org



Taliesin West
The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale
480-860-2700

Architect Wright's dramatic desert masterpiece. International headquarters of the foundation, site of Frank Lloyd Wright Archives and winter campus for the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Regularly scheduled and custom group tours.

www.franklloydwright.org



Tempe Historical Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5100

The museum depicts the history of Tempe from its founding in 1871 to its growth and development into a modern city. Hands-on exhibits, two changing galleries and gift shop. www.tempe.gov/museum



Tempe Town Lake
Rio Salado Pkwy. and Mill Ave.,
Tempe
480-350-8625

The heart of Tempe Town Lake is historic Tempe Beach Park. Room for a rock music festival with quiet space still remaining for a romantic walk.

www.tempe.gov/lake/



Tonto National Forest
Mesa Ranger District
5140 E. Ingram St., Mesa
480-610-3300

Great location for hiking, the Tonto National Forest is the fifth largest forest in the United States, on nearly three million acres of land, one of the most-visited forests in the U.S. Outstanding year-round recreational opportunities. Its scenic landscapes range from cactus-studded desert to pine-forested mountains.

www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto



Tortilla Flat
Highway 88, Tortilla Flat
480-984-1776

Tortilla Flat, an authentic Old Stagecoach Stop along the scenic Apache Trail, is one of the last remnants of the Old West. Stroll up and down the boardwalk, where the clomp of shoes on the wood is reminiscent of a time past, when wooden sidewalks were the only kind of sidewalk.

www.tortillafataz.com



Tovrea Castle's Carraro Cactus Garden
5041 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602-256-3155

The Garden provides the lush desert setting for the landmark Tovrea Castle. Learn about the many varieties of Arizona cacti and exotic plants from South America and the mystery behind the rock walls. The Garden boasts more than 5,000 cacti in over 100 varieties. An update of the Castle renovation project and views of the Castle exterior will be included in the guided tour. Advanced reservations required. www.phoenix.gov/parks/tovrea.html



Turf Paradise
1501 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
602-942-1101

Live racing September through May.

Simulcast racing seven days a week, 364 days a year.

www.turfparadise.com



USA Skateland Mesa
7 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-833-7775

Newly remodeled indoor inline/roller skating rink features skating lessons, full concession, light show, great music and over 50 video and prize-winning games. www.skatelandmesa.com



Unicorn Balloon Company of Arizona /
Adventures Out West
480-991-3666 or 800-755-0935
Hot air balloon flights depart daily from sites near Scottsdale and Carefree.

www.unicornballoon.com or www.adventuresoutwest.com



West Valley Art Museum
17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise
623-972-0635

Five galleries host 30-40 exhibitions annually including exhibits from its permanent collections of ethnic dress, American and Oriental art. www.wvam.org



Wildlife World Zoo
16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park
623-935-9453

Arizona's largest collection of exotic animals, totaling more than 1,300 individual animals – up close and personal.

www.wildlifeworld.com



The Wrigley Mansion
2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix
602-955-4079

A recognized landmark in the Phoenix area since the 1930s. Tours available. www.wrigleymansionclub.com

Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery
22402 S. Basha Rd., Chandler
480-895-5230 opt. 2

The focus of the collection lies in two specific areas: contemporary Western American Art and contemporary Native American Art. A vast composite of artwork, with well over 1,200 pieces of art displayed throughout the gallery.

www.bashas.com/gallery/